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## The Hardest Task Is Waiting

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N THE POST MORTEM of the Cuba invasion disaster, Manuel Ray stands as a symbol of what might have been. Ray, a 36-year-old Cuban civil engineer and architect, has been the exile leader of the largest anti-Castro underground movement. His forces never had a chance. They weren't even informed of the actual invasion operation.

"We are not trying to pass the blame; we realize everything was difficult," Ray says sadly. He's unwilling to comment officially on the open secret that his left-of-center Peoples Revolutionary Movement (MRP) was frozen out by right-ring factions and the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. "The only thing left in the underground movement inside Cuba is what's left of us," Ray says grimly.

Manuel Ray was originally one of Fidel Castro's aides in the revolt against Fulgencio Batista. He organized the underground in Havana for Castro, then became his first Minister of Public Works. "I broke with Fidel when I saw he was destroying the people's liberties and was turning the country over to the Communists," Ray says. "I knew then I had to go against him."

Ray's MRP is based largely on Cuba's trade unions. "Our movement doesn't allow politicians to come in on the backs

Closeup



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## Manuel

of the people just so they car get back into power and ge money for themselves," he says "We've had enough of that What we want is a continuation of social reform-not a govern ment by the rich or the exploit

"We believe in a mixed economy of private enterprise because it is effective and ef ficient-and government owner ship of utilities and monopolie -because these things belong to the whole people. And there must be freedom. This, Castro has destroyed.

"Rumors have been spread against us in Miami that w didn't take part in the uprising and that we are secretly work ing for the Communist Party, Ray says bitterly. "We fough the Communists from the start That is why I left Castro's party

"It's true we were advoca" ing another strategy agains Castro. We wanted more of revolutionary buildup insid Cuba. We thought this particu lar [invasion] strategy wa wrong. But we said if everyone in the Revolutionary Counci was for it, we would not oppos

it because we did not want to give the slightest aid to the Com munists.'

Last Friday, when Dr. Jose Miro Cardona, titular head of th revolutionary coalition, was asked if it was true that Manue He broke with Castro in November, 1959, over the Commu-

nist issue and went back to the University of Havana as a pro fessor of engineering. He resigned in August, 1960, when Castro took over the universities. Then he went into hiding, organizing the anti-Castro movement in Havana's factories.

Ray's wife Aurora is a former cooking teacher. They me in a small town when he was building a bridge. They have five children: Manuel, 10; Aurora, 8; Carmen, 6; Miguel Angel, 4, and Pedro, 1. The family has taken refuge in Miami.

"We have more people on our side than Castro has," Manue Ray says. "But Castro has put on the terror and the people who would have supported us were afraid to move. I know Batista FOIAb3b

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